

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

In the Office Action, claims 36-38 and 68-71 were noted as pending in the application. Claims 36 and 68 stand rejected. Claims 37-38 and 69-71 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Claims 36 and 68 have been canceled and claims 37 and 69 have been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of claims 36 and 68, respectively. In addition, the term –said– has been inserted before the last instance of the terms –one or more– as suggested by the examiner in the previous office action.

Thus, since in the office action, the Examiner stated that claims 37-38 and 69-71 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the rejected base claims, claims 37-38 and 69-71 are allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

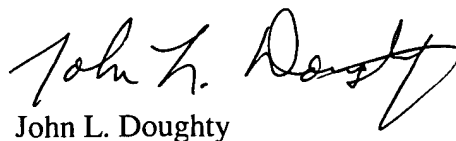
For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment please contact the undersigned at the mailing address, telephone, facsimile number, or e-mail address indicated below.

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